

[Translation]

Agreement Regarding Shares from Power Project

1618. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab is pressurising the Government of Rajasthan to rescind the agreement of 1984 regarding the share of Rajasthan in the power projects located in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH PAI): (a) The Government of Punjab have requested that the Agreement reached on 10th May, 1984 between the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab regarding a Reference to be made to the Supreme Court to determine whether Haryana and Rajasthan have a share in the power generated from certain hydro-electric projects in Punjab be examined afresh by Government of India. The Government of Rajasthan have responded to the proposal of Government of Punjab by reiterating their request for the implementation of the Inter-State Agreement of 10th May, 1984.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

[English]

Legislation to Regulate Lotteries

1619. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legislation has been

enacted or is proposed to be brought before parliament to regulate lotteries under the Central or State Government to check the conversion of 'black money' into 'white money' through lotteries; and

(b) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). No legislation has been enacted by the Union Government to regulate lotteries covered under entry 40 of the Union List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Private lotteries coming under entry 34 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution are permitted only by the State governments according to their law and regulations.

The Central Government have issued detailed guidelines for the conduct of the state lotteries and lotteries permitted by the State governments.

[Translation]

Foreign Tours by Ministers

1620. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MAN-
DAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government of India goes on a holiday" appearing in the Indian Express on October 17, 1991;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred in terms of foreign exchange on the visits abroad by the various Ministers separately and their